



Supporting the Kenya Constitutional Implementation Process



The Program:

Implementer: International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

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Geographical Coverage: National

The Context:

Kenya adopted a new Constitution in August 2010, a culmination of almost two decades of constant struggle for political and institutional reforms. It significantly changes Kenya's governance architecture, particularly the political system by strengthening the checks and balances between the Executive, Parliament and the Judiciary. In addition, it is a people-centered, value-based constitution with an expanded bill of rights and values that seek to promote equality, inclusiveness, and protection of marginalized groups, transparency and accountability. IDLO assists the Government of Kenya to develop the comprehensive laws and policies required under the new Constitution.

Main Activities:

IDLO will provide technical support to the agencies responsible for preparing and reviewing legislation: the Kenya Law Reform Commission, the Attorney General's Office, and the Commission for the Implementation of the Commission. Support will include:

- Short-term technical assistance and training in legislative drafting, including person-to-person mentoring
- Development of a legislative drafting manual specific to the Kenyan Constitution.
- Conduct public communication campaigns to educate and inform the public on various proposed laws in collaboration with the Kenya Law Reform Commission
- Organize stakeholder forums that will ensure civil society organizations actively participate in, and contribute to, the legislation-making process.

Main Results (Expected)

- Comprehensive laws drafted and passed in Parliament
- Increased capacity within the government to undertake legal research and legislative drafting
- Streamlined and collaborative drafting process between the different government agencies
- Strengthened public/civil society engagement in the constitutional implementation process
- Increased understanding among targeted groups on the content of the new laws.

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